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Report Highlights:

On September 21, 2012, the Ministry of Trade (MOT) issued Regulation No. 59/2012 (Reg. 59) requiring importer identification numbers (API). Reg. 59 amends MOT Regulation No. 27/2012 (Reg. 27) dated May 1, 2012.

General Information:

Through Reg. 59, the Government of Indonesian (GOI) mandates importers to obtain an identity number as a requirement to import foreign products, to include food and agriculture, as well as industrial imports. Reg. 59 works in conjunction with Reg No. 27 on API requirements.

Under Regs. 59 & 27, APIs for general importers are referred to as API-U. For importers which produce value-added products, the API is referred to as API-P. Once issued, APIs are valid for 5 years.

Also of significance, Reg. 59 requires that a formalized "special relationship" exist between suppliers in countries of origin and Indonesian importers. This "special relationship" must be recognized by Indonesian officials serving in official missions overseas in the country of origin.

An unofficial translation of Reg. 59 can be found at the following <u>link</u>.

Specific question regarding Reg. 59 or Reg. 27 can be addressed to the Office of Agricultural Affairs, U.S. Embassy Jakarta at the following email address: agjakarta@fas.usda.gov.